#### AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended. Filing	g is mandatory.					
Local Government Type ☐ City ☐ Township ☑ Village ☐ Other			Local Government Name County Village of Vernon Shiawassee			
Audit Date March 31, 2004	Opinion Date May 28, 2004		Date Accountant Report Subm August 17, 2004	nitted to State:		
We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the <i>Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan</i> by the Michigan Department of Treasury.						

We affirm that:

 $\square$  yes  $\boxtimes$  no 9.

- We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as revised.
- We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan. 2.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations.

You must check the applicable box for each item below. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements. □ ves □ no 1. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A.  $\square$  yes  $\boxtimes$  no 2. 275 of 1980). There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as  $\boxtimes$  yes  $\square$  no 3. amended. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its ☐ yes ☒ no 4. requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as ☐ yes ☒ no 5. amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]). The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. ☐ yes ⊠ no The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned  $\square$  yes  $\boxtimes$  no 7. pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year). The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL ☐ yes 
☐ no 129.241).

We have enclosed the following:		Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.		Lilolooca	1 Ci Wai a Ca	X
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (pr			Х	
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).				X
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name)	ewis & Knopf, P.C.			
Street Address 5206 Gateway Centre, Suite 100 Ci	y Flint	State M	I Zip	48507
Accountant Signature				

The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).

### VILLAGE OF VERNON

### VERNON, MICHIGAN

### AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

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May 28, 2004

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Village Council of the Village of Vernon

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Village of Vernon, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village of Vernon's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Village of Vernon as of March 31, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the Village has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of the GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, as of April 1, 2003, along with all related statements and interpretations.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages II - IX and 15 - 17 are not required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Village of Vernon's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information, as identified in the table of contents is presented for purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

LEWIS & KNOPF, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As management of the Village of Vernon, we offer readers of the Village of Vernon's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Village of Vernon for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004. In the future, comparative analysis will be provided when prior year information becomes available.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- A. The assets of the Village exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$1,814,740 (net assets).
- B. The Village's total net assets increased by \$107,596.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Village of Vernon's basic financial statements. The Village's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary and additional information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements:**

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Village's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the Village's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reports as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Village is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. delinquent personal property taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Village that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 1 and 2 of this report.

#### **Fund Financial Statements:**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Village, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Village can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

#### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

#### **Fund Financial Statements:** (Continued)

#### Governmental Funds (Continued)

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Village maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund, major street and local street funds, all of which are considered to be major funds.

The Village adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund and major street and local street fund. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided for the operation & maintenance fund and capital fund in the required supplementary information.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 3 through 4 of this report.

#### Proprietary Funds

The Village maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Village uses enterprise funds to account for its sewer activity.

The proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 5 to 7 of this report.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 8 through 14 of this report.

#### Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents supplementary information. The supplementary information can be found on pages 18 through 23 of this report.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of the government's financial position. In the case of the Village, assets exceed liabilities by \$1,814,740 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The Village's net assets (26%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, building, machinery, infrastructure and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Village uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the Village's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

#### NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2004

	Governmental	Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
Current Assets	\$1,026,371	\$326,423	\$1,352,794
Noncurrent Assets	60,600	418,046	478,646
Total Assets	\$1,086,971	\$744,469	\$1,831,440
Current Liabilities	12,677	4,023	16,700
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets – Net of Debt	60,600	418,046	478,646
Restricted	0	223,407	223,407
Unrestricted	1,013,694	98,993	1,112,687
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$1,074,294	\$740,446	\$1,814,740

This year as well as last year, the Village is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets, both for the Village as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

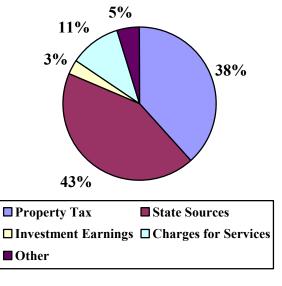
During fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, the Village's net assets increased by \$107,596.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS** (Continued)

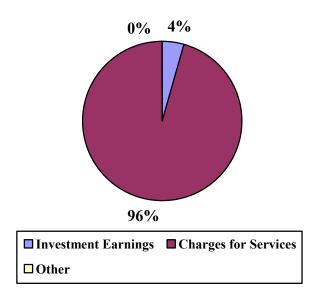
#### <u>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</u> YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
Revenues:			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$40,244	\$72,775	\$113,019
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes	145,273	0	145,273
State Sources	163,680	0	163,680
Investment Earnings	12,081	3,366	15,447
Other	18,362	0	18,362
Total Revenues	\$379,640	\$76,141	\$455,781
Functions/Program Expenses:			
General Government	69,731	0	69,731
Public Safety	126,330	0	126,330
Public Works	105,873	0	105,873
Culture and Recreation	10,679	0	10,679
Sewer	0	35,572	35,572
Total Expenses	\$312,613	\$35,572	\$348,185
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$67,027	\$40,569	\$107,596

## Revenues by Source – Governmental Activities Total Revenues = \$379,640



## Revenues by Source – Business-Type Activities Total Revenues = \$76,141



#### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Asset

At the end of fiscal year 2004, the Village had \$1,031,621 million invested in land and buildings, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. Of this amount, \$552,975 in depreciation has been taken over the years. We currently have net book value of \$478,646. Total acquisitions for the year were \$65,907 and depreciation expense was \$32,570.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR END (NET OF DEPRECIATION)

	Governmental	Business Type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
Land	\$0	\$27,426	\$27,426
Building and Improvements	18,040	380,084	398,124
Furniture and Equipment	23,836	10,536	34,372
Vehicles	18,724	0	18,724
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<u>TOTAL</u>	\$60,600	\$418,046	\$478,646

#### GENERAL FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

#### GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

			Revenues		
				Variance Actual	Revenues
	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues Final	& Original	Variance Actual
Fiscal Year	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Budget	& Final Budget
2003-2004	\$358,460	\$371,600	\$308,097	-14.05%	-17.09%

#### GENERAL FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

#### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

				Expenditures	
				Variance Actual	Expenditures
	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	& Original	Variance Actual
Fiscal Year	Original Budget	Final Budget	Final Actual	Budget	& Final Budget
2003-2004	\$358,460	\$371,600	\$332,594	7.22%	10.50%

#### **Original vs. Final Budget:**

The Uniform Budget Act of the State of Michigan requires that the Village approve the original budget for the upcoming fiscal year prior to April 1, the start of the fiscal year.

#### GENERAL FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES (Continued)

		%
Total Revenues Original Budget	\$358,460	
Total Revenues Final Budget	371,600	
(Increase) in Budgeted Revenues	(\$13,140)	-3.67%

The Village's final, actual general fund revenues differed from final budget by \$(63,503), a variance of (17.09) percent from final budget.

#### **General Fund Expenditures:**

The Village's budget for expenditures changed as follows during the year:

		%
Total Expenditures Original Budget	\$358,460	
Total Expenditures Final Budget	371,600	
(Increase) in Budgeted Expenditures	(\$13,140)	-3.67%

As indicated above, the Village's actual expenditures were more than final budget by \$39,006, a variance of 10.5 percent from final budget.

#### MAJOR STREET FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

#### MAJOR STREET FUND REVENUE BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

			Revenues		
				Variance Actual	Revenues
	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues Final	& Original	Variance Actual
Fiscal Year	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Budget	& Final Budget
2003-2004	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$53,697	3.26%	3.26%

#### MAJOR STREET FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

#### MAJOR STREET FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

			Expenditures		
				Variance Actual	Expenditures
	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	& Original	Variance Actual
Fiscal Year	Original Budget	Final Budget	Final Actual	Budget	& Final Budget
2003-2004	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$26,466	49.10%	49.10%

#### Original vs. Final Budget:

The Uniform Budget Act of the State of Michigan requires that the Village approve the original budget for the upcoming fiscal year prior to April 1, the start of the fiscal year.

#### MAJOR STREET FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES (Continued)

		<u>%</u>
Total Revenues Original Budget	\$52,000	
Total Revenues Final Budget	52,000	
(Increase) in Budgeted Revenues	\$0	0.00%

The Village's final, actual major street fund revenues differed from final budget by \$1,697, a variance of 3.26 percent from final budget.

#### **Major Street Fund Expenditures:**

The Village's budget for expenditures changed as follows during the year:

		%
Total Expenditures Original Budget	\$52,000	
Total Expenditures Final Budget	52,000	
(Increase) in Budgeted Expenditures	\$0	0.00%

As indicated above, the Village's actual expenditures were less than final budget by \$25,534, a variance of 49.1 percent from final budget. Actual expenditures were significantly less than that budgeted due to decreased spending as a result of the uncertainty of the State revenue sharing.

#### LOCAL STREET FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

#### LOCAL STREET FUND REVENUE BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

			Revenues		
				Variance Actual	Revenues
	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues Final	& Original	Variance Actual
Fiscal Year	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Budget	& Final Budget
2003-2004	\$30,800	\$30,800	\$30,809	0.03%	0.03%

#### LOCAL STREET FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

#### LOCAL STREET FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

				Expenditures	
				Variance Actual	Expenditures
	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	& Original	Variance Actual
Fiscal Year	Original Budget	Final Budget	Final Actual	Budget	& Final Budget
2003-2004	\$30,800	\$30,800	\$15,509	49.65%	49.65%

#### Original vs. Final Budget:

The Uniform Budget Act of the State of Michigan requires that the Village approve the original budget for the upcoming fiscal year prior to April 1, the start of the fiscal year.

#### LOCAL STREET FUND BUDGET & ACTUAL REVENUES & EXPENDITURES (Continued)

		<u>%</u>
Total Revenues Original Budget	\$30,800	
Total Revenues Final Budget	30,800	
(Increase) in Budgeted Revenues	\$0	0.00%

The Village's final, actual major street fund revenues differed from final budget by \$9 a variance of 0.03 percent from final budget.

#### **Local Street Fund Expenditures:**

The Village's budget for expenditures changed as follows during the year:

		<u>%</u>
Total Expenditures Original Budget	\$30,800	
Total Expenditures Final Budget	30,800	
(Increase) in Budgeted Expenditures	\$0	0.00%

As indicated above, the Village's actual expenditures were less than final budget by \$15,291, a variance of 49.65 percent from final budget. Actual expenditures were significantly less than that budgeted due to decreased spending as a result of the uncertainty of the State revenue sharing.

#### CONTACTING THE VILLAGE'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the Village's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Business Office, Village of Vernon.

### VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2004

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
	ASSETS	Activities	Total
CURRENT ASSETS	AUDETO		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,020,542	\$314,506	\$1,335,048
Accounts Receivable	1,628	11,592	13,220
Interest Receivable	317	325	642
Taxes Receivable	251	0	251
Internal Balance	3,633	0	3,633
Total Current Assets	\$1,026,371	\$326,423	\$1,352,794
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital Assets	230,461	801,160	1,031,621
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(169,861)	(383,114)	(552,975)
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$60,600	\$418,046	\$478,646
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,086,971	\$744,469	\$1,831,440
<u>]</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	12,677	390	13,067
Internal Balance	0	3,633	3,633
Total Current Liabilities	\$12,677	\$4,023	\$16,700
<u>1</u>	NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	60,600	418,046	478,646
Restricted	0	223,407	223,407
Unrestricted	1,013,694	98,993	1,112,687
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$1,074,294	\$740,446	\$1,814,740

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES MARCH 31, 2004

	ī	Program Revenues			(Expense) Revenue a	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:						
General Government	\$69,731	\$40,244	\$0	(\$29,487)	\$0	(\$29,487)
Public Safety	126,330	0	0	(126,330)	0	(126,330)
Public Works	105,873	0	0	(105,873)	0	(105,873)
Culture and Recreation	10,679	0	0	(10,679)	0	(10,679)
Total Governmental Activities	\$312,613	\$40,244	\$0	(\$272,369)	\$0	(\$272,369)
Business-Type Activities:						
Enterprise	35,572	72,775	0	0	37,203	37,203
TOTALS	\$348,185	\$113,019	\$0	(\$272,369)	\$37,203	(\$235,166)
General Revenues:						
Taxes:						
Property Taxes, Levied for	r General Purposes			145,273	0	145,273
State Sources				163,680	0	163,680
Investment Earnings				12,081	3,366	15,447
Miscellaneous				18,362	0	18,362
Total General Revenues an	d Transfers			\$339,396	\$3,366	\$342,762
Change in Net Assets				\$67,027	\$40,569	\$107,596
Net Assets - Beginning				1,007,267	699,877	1,707,144
Net Assets - Ending				\$1,074,294	\$740,446	\$1,814,740

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS MARCH 31, 2004

		Special Revenue Funds		
		Major	Local	Total
	General	Street	Street	Governmental
<u>ASSETS</u>	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$717,140	\$163,285	\$140,117	\$1,020,542
Accounts Receivable	1,628	0	0	1,628
Interest Receivable	147	94	76	317
Taxes Receivable	251	0	0	251
Due from Other Funds	13,113	0	0	13,113
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$732,279	\$163,379	\$140,193	\$1,035,851
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$11,627	\$700	\$350	\$12,677
Due to Other Funds	0	6,185	3,295	9,480
Total Liabilities	\$11,627	\$6,885	\$3,645	\$22,157
FUND BALANCES				
Designated	103,102	0	0	103,102
Unreserved	617,550	156,494	136,548	910,592
Total Fund Balances	\$720,652	\$156,494	\$136,548	\$1,013,694
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$732,279	\$163,379	\$140,193	\$1,035,851

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES MARCH 31, 2004

Total Governmental Fund Balances: \$1,013,694

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$230,461 and the accumulated depreciation is \$169,861

60,600

TOTAL NET ASSETS GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$1,074,294

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

		Special Rever	nue Funds	
	_	Major	Local	Total
	General	Street	Street	Governmental
<u>REVENUES</u>	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds
Taxes	\$145,273	\$0	\$0	\$145,273
State Sources	0	52,564	16,943	69,507
Licenses and Permits	11,003	0	0	11,003
Intergovernmental Revenues	94,173	0	0	94,173
Charges for Service	40,244	0	0	40,244
Fines and Forfeits	2,412	0	0	2,412
Investment Income	10,045	1,133	903	12,081
Miscellaneous Revenues	4,947	0	0	4,947
Total Revenues	\$308,097	\$53,697	\$17,846	\$379,640
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current:				
General Government	118,724	0	0	118,724
Public Safety	97,318	13,503	15,509	126,330
Public Works	105,873	0	0	105,873
Culture and Recreation	10,679	0	0	10,679
Total Expenditures	\$332,594	\$13,503	\$15,509	\$361,606
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues			_	
Over (Under) Expenditures	(\$24,497)	\$40,194	\$2,337	\$18,034
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers to Other Funds (Net)	0	(12,963)	12,963	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$24,497)	\$27,231	\$15,300	\$18,034
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	745,149	129,263	121,248	995,660
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$720,652	\$156,494	\$136,548	\$1,013,694

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds

\$18,034

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.

48,993

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$67,027

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND MARCH 31, 2004

		Enterprise
	<u>ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS		0214.506
Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$314,506
Accounts Receivable		11,592
Interest Receivable		325
Total Current Assets		\$326,423
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Assets:		
Land		27,426
Improvements Other than Buildings		744,685
Machinery and Equipment		29,049
Total Capital Assets		\$801,160
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(383,114)
Total Noncurrent Assets		\$418,046
TOTAL ASSETS		\$744,469
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		\$390
Due to Other Funds		3,633
Total Current Liabilities		\$4,023
	NET ASSETS	
NET ASSETS	<del></del>	
Invested in Capital Assets - Net of Related Debt		418,046
Restricted		223,407
Unrestricted		98,993
TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$740,446

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND MARCH 31, 2004

	Enterprise
OPERATING REVENUES	
Base Charge Fees	\$69,340
Delinquency Fees	3,382
Miscellaneous	53_
Total Operating Revenues	\$72,775
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Maintenance Salaries and Fringes	3,136
Administrative Supplies and Expense	8,507
Repairs and Maintenance	8,273
Depreciation and Amortization	15,656_
Total Operating Expenses	\$35,572
Operating Income	\$37,203
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest Revenue	3,366
Change in Net Assets	\$40,569
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING	699,877
NET ASSETS - ENDING	\$740,446

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND

	Enterprise
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash Received from Customers	\$72,952
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(16,412)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(2,893)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$53,648
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest on Investments	4,718
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH FOUNTALENTS	\$50.2 <i>(</i> (
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$58,366
BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR	256,140
BALANCES - END OF YEAR	\$314,506
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used)	
By Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$37,203
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash	Ψ37,203
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation and Amortization	15,656
(Increase) Decrease in Assets	15,050
Accounts Receivable	177
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities	1//
Accounts Payable	(66)
Due to Other Funds	678
Due to Other Fullus	0/8
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$53,648

#### 1) REPORTING ENTITY

The accompanying general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the GASB for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. The Village of Vernon's Village Council is the primary government which has oversight responsibility and control over all activities related to sanitation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services within the Village. The Village receives funding from local, state and federal government sources and must comply with the accompanying requirements of these funding sources. However, the Village is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB pronouncements since the Village Council is a publicly elected governing body that has separate legal standing and is fiscally independent of other governmental entities. As such, the Village Council has decision making authority, the authority to levy taxes and determine its budget, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

#### 2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Village of Vernon conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

In June 1999 the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain of the significant changes in the Statement include the following:

A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section to provide an analysis of the Village's overall financial position and results of operations.

Financial statements prepared with full accrual accounting for all of the Village's activities.

A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

#### A) BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The Village's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Village as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Village's major funds). The government-wide financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full-accrual economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Village's net assets are reported in three parts: invested in capital assets net of related debt; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets. The Village first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Village's functions. General government revenues also support the functions. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary grants. The net costs by function are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, state and federal sources, interest income, etc.).

#### 2) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

#### B) BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounts of the Village are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds of the Village are grouped into the categories governmental and proprietary.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

#### General Fund

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund, including the general operating expenditures of the Village. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes and state distributions, grants and other intergovernmental revenues.

#### Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

#### **PROPRIETARY FUND**

#### Enterprise Fund

This fund is used to account for the operations of the sanitary sewer system which is financed by user charges, and where periodic measurement of net income is appropriate for capital maintenance and management control.

#### C) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING/MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

#### Accrual

Governmental activity in the government-wide financial statements is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. The proprietary fund also uses the accrual basis of accounting.

#### Modified Accrual

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within 60 days of year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt is recognized when due.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, state aid, interest revenue, grants and charges for services. Other revenue is recorded when received.

#### 2) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

#### C) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING/MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

The Village reports deferred revenue on its governmental funds balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when the Village receives resources before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

#### D) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Village considers highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Investments are reported at fair value which is determined using selected bases. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national exchange are valued at the last reported sales price and investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. Cash deposits are reported at carrying amount which reasonably estimates fair value.

#### E) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) using a \$5,000 capitalization threshold and updated for additions and retirements during the year.

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Governmental Activities
<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives
Building and Improvements	15 – 50 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5-20  Years
Vehicles	5 Years

#### F) INTERFUND BALANCES

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "interfund receivables/payables." These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities columns of the statement of net assets.

#### G) NET ASSETS

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

#### 2) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

#### H) ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### I) BUDGETS

The Village follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

- 1. The Village Council prepares a proposed budget on a functional basis using the modified accrual basis for the general and special revenue funds and the accrual basis for its proprietary fund for presentation at a public hearing.
- 2. A public hearing is held in conjunction with a regular board meeting.
- 3. The Village Council adopts the budget at a regular board meeting.
- 4. Excess appropriations at the end of the fiscal year lapse.

Presented budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Village Council.

#### 3) <u>STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY – BUDGET VIOLATIONS</u>

P.A. 621 of 1978, Section 18 (1), as amended provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

In the body of the financial statements, the Authority's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional basis. The approved budgets of the Authority for these budgetary funds were adopted to the functional level.

#### 4) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits are carried at cost. Deposits of the Fire Authority are at one bank in the name of Village of Vernon. Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL), Section 129.91, authorizes a local unit to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions and savings and loan associations; bond securities, and other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States in which the principal and interest is fully guaranteed by the United States, including securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan; and commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the three highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, and which involves no more than 50 percent of any one fund. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bonds, or other forms for the deposit of public money. Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states that public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions located in states other than Michigan.

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined by GASB Statement No. 3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements."

Undeposited Cash – At March 31, 2004, the Village had \$60 of petty cash on hand which is included as part of "cash and cash equivalents."

#### 4) <u>DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS</u> (Continued)

Deposits - The Village Council authorized the following financial institutions for the deposit of the Village's funds for the year ended March 31, 2004: Bank One and Fifth Third Bank.

The Village's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

At March 31, 2004, the carrying amount of the Authority's deposits was \$1,335,048 and the bank balance was \$1,335,261. \$100,000 of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance and \$1,235,261 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

#### 5) RESTRICTED CASH

#### General Fund:

An account was established to set aside money for the eventual replacement of equipment for the administration, department of public works and the police department. As of March 31, 2004, the balance was \$58,344.

#### **Enterprise Fund:**

The general purpose fund, established in 1969 under requirements of the bond issue, is to be used for paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the sewer system which may be caused by any unforeseen catastrophe or for making extensions or improvements to the system. Currently, the general purpose fund is being funded at \$400 per month to provide for the improvement of the sewer system. In addition, the sewer rate increase of \$4 per quarter and delinquent sewer fees collected are transferred to the reserve account. The restricted balance was \$223,407 as of March 31, 2004.

#### 6) DETAILED LISTING OF DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

A detail description of fund balance designations for the general fund at March 31, 2004 is presented below:

Designated for Equipment Replacement	\$ 58,344
Designated for Park Development	10,690
Designated for Garbage Collection	34,068
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 103,102

#### 7) PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes are levied on July 1 on the assessed value determined as of December 31 of the preceding year for all taxable real and personal property located in the Village. Property tax revenue is recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes have been levied.

#### 8) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, was as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES         April 1, 2003         Additions         Deductions         March 31, 2004           Buildings and Improvements         \$10,000         \$18,839         \$0         \$28,839           Furniture and Equipment         \$119,874         \$24,140         0         \$144,014           Vehicles         \$34,680         \$22,928         0         \$7,608           Totals at Historical Cost         \$164,554         \$65,907         \$0         \$230,461           Less: Accumulated Depreciation         Buildings and Improvements         \$(10,000)         \$(799)         0         \$(10,799)           Furniture and Equipment         \$(111,544)         \$(8,634)         0         \$(120,178)           Vehicles         \$(31,403)         \$(7,481)         0         \$(38,884)           Total Accumulated Depreciation         \$(\$152,947)         \$(\$16,914)         \$0         \$(\$169,861)           GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES           Land         \$27,426         \$0         \$0         \$27,426           Buildings and Improvements         \$744,685         0         \$0         \$27,426           Buildings and Improvements         \$29,049         0         \$0         \$29,049           Totals at Historical Cost         <		Balance			Balance
Buildings and Improvements   \$10,000   \$18,839   \$0   \$28,839   Furniture and Equipment   \$119,874   \$24,140   \$0   \$144,014   Vehicles   \$34,680   \$22,928   \$0   \$57,608   Totals at Historical Cost   \$164,554   \$65,907   \$0   \$230,461   Less: Accumulated Depreciation   Buildings and Improvements   \$(10,000)   \$(799)   \$0   \$(10,799)   Furniture and Equipment   \$(111,544)   \$(8,634)   \$0   \$(120,178)   Vehicles   \$(31,403)   \$(7,481)   \$0   \$(38,884)   Total Accumulated Depreciation   \$(\$152,947)   \$(\$16,914)   \$0   \$(\$169,861)   \$(\$169,861		April 1, 2003	Additions	Deductions	March 31, 2004
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BUSINESS - TYPE ACTIVITIES	Furniture and Equipment	(17,597)	(916)	0	(18,513)
	<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	(\$367,458)	(\$15,656)	\$0	(\$383,114)
<u>CAPITAL ASSETS - NET</u> \$433,702 (\$15,656) \$0 \$418,046					
	<u>CAPITAL ASSETS - NET</u>	\$433,702	(\$15,656)	\$0	\$418,046

Depreciation expense, when appropriate, was allocated to governmental functions. Depreciation expense that was not allocated appears on the statement of activities as "unallocated". Depreciation was recorded on the statement of activities as follows:

	Business -			
	Governmental	Type	T	OTAL
General Government	\$ 16,914	\$ 15,656	\$	32,570

#### 9) <u>DEFERRED COMPENSATION (457) PLAN</u>

The Village has adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. Individual employees, at their own discretion and in accordance with federal regulations, can elect to have a portion of their salary withheld and contributed to their individual trust accounts. No contributions are made by the Village.

#### 10) RELATED PARTY

The Village of Vernon bought supplies from a board member's business. The total value of the supplies bought for the year ended March 31, 2004 was \$1,642.

#### 11) OPERATING LEASES – WATER PROJECT

The Village entered into a two year lease on December 17, 2003. The lease requires a \$5,000 non-refundable payment at the beginning of the lease. The lease is for a parcel of land that the Village has the option to buy anytime during the lease for \$150,000. Rent expense for the year was \$5,000.

#### 12) INTERFUND BALANCES

Interfund balances at March 31, 2004 consisted of the following:

	DUE FR	OM		
	MAJOR	LOCAL		
2	STREET	STREET	ENTERPRISE	
	FUND	FUND	FUND	TOTAL
<b>a</b>				
General Fund	\$6,185	\$3,295	\$3,633	\$13,113

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting systems, and (3) payments between funds are made.

#### 13) CONTINGENCIES

The Village receives grant funds from federal and state agencies. The grant programs are subject to audits by the granting Village, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by the agency. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although management expects such amounts to be immaterial.

REQUIRED

SUPPLEMENTARY

INFORMATION

#### <u>VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN</u> <u>STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES</u>

## $\underline{\text{IN FUND BALANCE}}$ - $\underline{\text{BUDGET AND ACTUAL}}$

#### GENERAL FUND

	Budgeted A	Amounts		
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$141,800	\$141,800	\$145,273	\$3,473
Licenses and Permits	9,500	9,500	11,003	1,503
Intergovernmental Revenues	90,500	90,500	94,173	3,673
Charges for Service	38,060	38,060	40,244	2,184
Fines and Forfeits	2,200	2,200	2,412	212
Investment Income	20,000	20,000	10,045	(9,955)
Miscellaneous Revenues	9,400	9,400	4,947	(4,453)
Total Revenues	\$311,460	\$311,460	\$308,097	(\$3,363)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers From Other Funds	47,000	60,140	0	(60,140)
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$358,460	\$371,600	\$308,097	(\$63,503)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
General Government	144,670	149,820	118,724	31,096
Public Safety	104,925	105,425	97,318	8,107
Public Works	94,370	103,470	105,873	(2,403)
Culture and Recreation	14,495	12,885	10,679	2,206
Total Expenditures	\$358,460	\$371,600	\$332,594	\$39,006
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0	\$0	(\$24,497)	(\$24,497)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING			745,149	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING			\$720,652	

#### <u>VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN</u> <u>STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES</u>

## IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL MAJOR STREET FUND

	Budgeted A	Amounts		
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
REVENUES				
State Sources	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$52,564	\$2,564
Investment Income	2,000	2,000	1,133	(867)
Total Revenues	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$53,697	\$1,697
EXPENDITURES				
Public Safety	52,000	39,000	13,503	25,497
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0	\$13,000	\$40,194	\$27,194
OTHER FINANCING (USES)				
Transfers to Other Funds	0	(13,000)	(12,963)	37
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$27,231	\$27,231
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING			129,263	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING		·	\$156,494	

#### <u>VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN</u> <u>STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES</u>

## $\underline{\text{IN FUND BALANCE}}$ - $\underline{\text{BUDGET AND ACTUAL}}$

## LOCAL STREET FUND

	Budgeted A	Amounts		
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
REVENUES				
State Sources	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,943	\$943
Investment Income	2,000	2,000	903	(1,097)
Total Revenues	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$17,846	(\$154)
EXPENDITURES				
Public Safety	30,800	30,800	15,509	15,291
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over (Under) Expenditures	(\$12,800)	(\$12,800)	\$2,337	\$15,137
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers from Other Funds	12,800	12,800	12,963	163
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$15,300	\$15,300
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING			121,248	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING		:	\$136,548	

# OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN GENERAL FUND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

<u>Legislative</u>	
Legislative and Administrative Wages	\$46,02
Payroll Taxes	3,13
Office Supplies	1,79
Legal and Accounting	6,04
Community Promotion	1,06
Printing and Postage	1,94
Insurance	15,60
Utilities	2,77
Miscellaneous	1,35
Contracted Services	6,38
Travel	28
Seminars	97
Capital Outlay	73
Total Legislative	\$88,10
Village Hall and Grounds	
Wages	5,73
Payroll Taxes	49
Capital Outlay	12,07
Contracted Services	1,66
Insurance	2,17
Repairs	1,56
Supplies	1,51
Utilities	3,42
Total Village Hall and Grounds	\$28,63
Election Election	
Wages	34
Contracted Services	17
Printing	7
Supplies	39
Total Election	\$98
Cemetery Board	1,00
Total General Government	\$118,72

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN GENERAL FUND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	
Wages	\$39,551
Payroll Taxes	3,314
Capital Outlay	30,010
Community Promotion	202
Contract Services	1,333
Gasoline and Oil	2,307
Insurance	3,749
Legal Fees	2,756
Miscellaneous	86
Repairs and Maintenance	642
Supplies	1,191
Telephone	1,102
Travel	124
Total Police	\$86,367
Total Folice	\$60,307
Building and Zoning	
Wages	80
Contract Services	8,345
Legal	2,497
Printing	29
Total Building and Zoning	\$10,951
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Total Public Safety	\$97,318
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PUBLIC WORKS	
Brush Cleanup	11.000
Wages	11,929
Payroll Taxes	932
Capital Outlay	19,100
Supplies and Materials	508
Contract Services	600
Insurance	603
Total Brush Cleanup	\$33,672
<u>Sidewalks</u>	
Contractual Services	1,394
COMMUNICATION CO.	1,07
Street Lighting	
Supplies and Materials	698
Utilities	8,892
Repairs	195_
Total Street Lighting	\$9,785

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN GENERAL FUND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

PUBLIC WORKS (Continued) Sanitation Garbage and Waste Collection	\$24,695
Trees & Services	
Contract Services	3,333
Water Project	5,000
Contract Services	27,994
Miscellaneous	\$32,994
Total Water Project	
Total Public Works	\$105,873
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Parks and Recreation	
Wages	1,199
Payroll Taxes	92
Capital Outlay	5,040
Contractual Service	1,520
Miscellaneous	50
Insurance	22
Supplies	1,356
Utilities	400
Total Parks and Recreation	\$9,679
<u>Library Board</u>	1,000
Total Culture and Recreation	\$10,679
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$332,594

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

	MAJOR	LOCAL	
	STREET	STREET	TOTALS
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Street Construction and Maintenance			
Salaries	\$1,206	\$491	\$1,697
Payroll Taxes	93	39	132
Contract Services	0	0	0
Equipment Rental	2,038	973	3,011
Insurance	62	25	87
Miscellaneous	61	68	129
Supplies	227	227	454
Total Street Construction and Maintenance	\$3,687	\$1,823	\$5,510
Traffic Service			
Salaries	268	171	439
Payroll Taxes	20	13	33
Equipment Rental	79	58	137
Insurance	13	8	21
Maintenance	846	667	1,513
Total Traffic Service	\$1,226	\$917	\$2,143
Winter Maintenance			
Salaries	1,826	1,587	3,413
Payroll Taxes	102	61	163
Contract Services	0	0	0
Equipment Rental	2,854	1,537	4,391
Insurance	60	35	95
Supplies	616	616	1,232
Total Winter Maintenance	\$5,458	\$3,836	\$9,294
Bridge Maintenance			
Salaries	0	123	123
Payroll Taxes	0	9	9
Equipment Payable	0	43	43
Insurance	0	6	6
Contract Services	700	7,789	8,489
Total Bridge Maintenance	\$700	\$7,970	\$8,670
<u>Drain Maintenance</u>			
Contract Services	89	0	89
Salaries	1,060	270	1,330
Payroll Taxes	37	22	59
Equipment Rental	1,175	658	1,833
Insurance	23	13	36
Supplies	48	0	48
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Total Drain Maintenance	\$2,432	\$963	\$3,395
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,503	\$15,509	\$29,012

# VILLAGE OF VERNON, MICHIGAN SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

CASH BALANCE - APRIL 1, 2003	\$92
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Current Property Taxes, 2002 Levy	143,591
Delinquent Sewer Fees Added to 2002 Levy	12,179
Lawncare and Sidewalk Assessment	1,265
Garbage Assessment	27,040
Administration Fees	1,838
Total Taxes	\$185,913
Interest Earned	570
Total Cash Receipts	\$186,483
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Distribution of Collections to General Fund	186,475
CASH BALANCE - MARCH 31, 2004	\$100



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May 28, 2004

# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Village Council of Village of Vernon

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Village of Vernon, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the Village of Vernon's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 28, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Village of Vernon's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Village of Vernon's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, Village Council, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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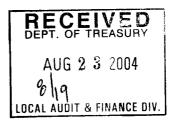
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May 28, 2004

To the Finance Committee of the Village of Vernon



We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Village of Vernon for the year ended March 31, 2004; and have issued our report thereon dated May 28, 2004. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility Under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards
As stated in our engagement letter dated April 28, 2004, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Village of Vernon. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed test of the Village of Vernon's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Village of Vernon are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Village of Vernon changed accounting policies related to fixed assets by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 34, in 2004. We noted no transactions entered into by Village of Vernon during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### **Accounting Estimates**

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the general purpose financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the general purpose financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the budget is based on prior experience and information from the Michigan Department of Treasury. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the budget in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.



The Village of Vernon Page 2 May 28, 2004

#### Significant Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a significant audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the general purpose financial statements, that in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. These adjustments may include those proposed by us but not recorded by the the Village of Vernon that could potentially cause future financial statements to be materially misstated, even though we have concluded that such adjustments are not material to the current financial statements. We proposed no audit adjustments that could, in our judgment, either individually or in the aggregate, have a significant effect on the Village of Vernon's financial reporting process.

#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the general purpose financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Village of Vernon's general purpose financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

## Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Village of Vernon's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

This information is intended solely for the use of finance committee and management of the Village of Vernon and should not be used for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Very truly yours,

LEWIS & KNOPF, P.C.

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